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Mrs. Hay, Mr. Spence, President Stewart, Regents, Faculty and Staff members, Degree Candidates, Families, Friends, Students, and all other distinguished guests. It is certainly an honor to have a part in Texas Eastern University's Fourth Annual Commencement Program.

While we are saddened by the tragic death of one of the University's most dedicated faculty members, we can go forward knowing that Dr. Roddy made outstanding contributions to the records which have been made at Texas Eastern University. His past contributions will continue to be in evidence as we go forward.

On behalf of the Board of Regents and the University Personnel, I wish to express appreciation to many people who have contributed so much to the outstanding progress of Texas Eastern University. Time limitations do not permit me to identify the many people who I am referring to. However, I wish to especially extend the Board's appreciation to the academic personnel of the many great educational institutions in the East Texas area.

In the ^{five}~~four~~-year life of Texas Eastern University enrollment has grown from 176 students in the Spring of 1973 to 1653 for the Spring term 1977.

Texas Eastern University has 195 full-time employees including 75 faculty members, 19 professional employees and 101 classified employees. Part-time employees total 40, with 34 of those teaching.

88% of the full-time faculty hold the earned doctorate degree. The TEU faculty has earned degrees from colleges and universities in 28 states.

The temporary library facility contains 182,000 volumes and subscribes to over 700 periodical titles. The temporary facility is available for use not only by students and faculty, but to the public.

Today, 336 students will be awarded degrees - 252 will have earned Baccalaureate Degrees and 84 will have earned Graduate Degrees. Including the degrees awarded today, a total of 707 degrees will have been granted by Texas Eastern University since 1974.

On behalf of the Board of Regents most sincere congratulations ^{at this} are extended to you the Degree Candidates of the Texas Eastern University Fourth Annual Commencement Program.